BATMAN

THE ENTRANCING DR. CASSANDRA

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DOUBLES FOR: PERGUIN, CATWOMAN, JOKER, EGGHRAD, RIDDLE by MD KIRT TUT (ALL SILENT)

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CAST LIST

BRUCE/BATMAN

DICK/ROBIN

BARBARA/BATGIRL

ALFRED

COMMISSIONER GORDON

CHIEF O'HARA

WARDEN CRICHTON

DR. CASSANDRA

CABALA

FLOORWALKER

PRISON CAPTAIN

DOUBLES FOR: PENGUIN, CATWOMAN, JOKER, EGGHEAD, RIDDLER AND KINT TUT (ALL SILENT)

TELLERS IN BANK (SILENT)

CUSTOMERS IN BANK (SILENT)

POST OFFICE CLERK (SILENT)

INTERIORS:

WAYNE STUDY

BATCAVE

COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE

LIBRARY

WARDEN CRICHTON'S OFFICE

DR. CASSANDRA'S HIDE-OUT

SPIFFANY'S JEWELRY STORE

ARCH-CRIMINAL WING OF PRISON

DOOR OF LADIES LOUNGE

POST OFFICE COUNTER (LIMBO)

NO EXTERIORS

STOCK:

EXT. A BANK - DAY

BATSTOCK OPENING FOR TITLES - DAY

FIFTH AVENUE (OR SOME MAIN CITY STREET) - DAY

A POST OFFICE - DAY

GOTHAM STATE PRISON - DAY

"THE ENTRANCING DR. CASSANDRA"

TEASER

FADE IN

EXT. BANK BUILDING ON BUSY STREET - DAY (STOCK) 1

People bustle IN and OUT of the building.

NARRATOR HIGH NOON AT THE ASTRAL AVENUE BRANCH OF GOTHAM CITY'S ALCHEMICAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY! A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION SO CONSERVATIVE, IT PAYS NO INTEREST AT ALL!

INT. BANK - ANGLE ON TELLER'S CAGES - DAY 2

A row of old-fashioned Teller's Cages with a few TELLERS behind them and a few CUSTOMERS in line carrying small deposit pouches.

> NARRATOR BUT WHERE -- WHILE THE CUSTOMERS AND TELLERS TRANSACT THE BUSINESS OF THE DAY -- BLACK, MAGICAL EVENTS ARE BREWING!

ANOTHER ANGLE - TOWARD BANK ENTRANCE 3

REVEALING DR. CASSANDRA, a lovely young sorceress appropriately dressed for sorceressing, and her chief aide, CABALA. He is a good-looking young man, also wearing sorcerer's-type clothes and carrying a large sack.

> NARRATOR FOR DR. CASSANDRA, THE EVIL ALCHEMIST, IS ABOUT TO UNLEASH HER TERRIBLE SWIFTSWORD!

CLOSER SHOT - DR. CASSANDRA AND CABALA 4 4

DR. CASSANDRA

Ready, Cabala?

CABALA

Always, Dr. Cassandra.

She nods, smiles evilly, they both pop pills in their mouths and abruptly DISAPPEAR!

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FAVORING A MALE CUSTOMER, who reacts as if he's been sapped, his eyes roll back and he falls. CAMERA PANS ACROSS section of bank, as the same thing happens to SEVERAL OTHER CUSTOMERS. Next, the tellers collapse behind their cages. Thus, immediately, the floor of the bank is covered by bodies. Now, suddenly somehow, a large MONEY BAG floats across the room seemingly under its own power! Slowly, the customers sit up and watch this as they rub their heads in wonderment and pain. Their eyes open wide at a surprising SOUND they HEAR: Dr. Cassandra's TINKLING LAUGH! As it fills the bank:

BAT SPIN TO:

6 INT. COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE - CLOSE ON COMMISSIONER GORDON - DAY

6

COMMISSIONER GORDON listens narrow-eyed to someone on the other end of the phone. CHIEF O'HARA leans in over the desk.

COMMISSIONER GORDON
How can that be? Twenty-six eye
witnesses who didn't see a thing?
(beat)
Yes, we'll get on it right away.

7 WIDEN ANGLE - COMMISSIONER GORDON AND CHIEF O HARA

7

Chief O'Hara anticipates what is about to happen, walks across the room, lifts the glass telephone cover. Commissioner Gordon walks to the Batphone.

COMMISSIONER GORDON It's good to have you with me, Chief O'Hara. After all these years, we've come to anticipate each other's thoughts.

8 ANGLE ON DOOR TO OFFICE

8

It opens but no one walks in that we can see. However, CAMERA TRUCKS from door to where Commissioner Gordon and Chief O'Hara stand, as if following someone.

CHIEF O'HARA'S VOICE

(o.s.)

At times like this, Commissioner, anyone could read your mind. It's Batman we'll be needin' and fast!

9 ANOTHER ANGLE - COMMISSIONER GORDON AND CHIEF O HARA

Before Commissioner Gordon can pick up the phone he and Chief O'Hara are tossed across the room by unseen strongarms.

9 Cont.

COMMISSIONER GORDON

What's going on here?

Commissioner Gordon and Chief O'Hara struggle but to no avail as they are pinned against the wall.

10 ANGLE ON BATPHONE

10

As the receiver is raised. But we don't see how, or by whom.

STRAIGHT CUT TO:

11 INT. WAYNE MANOR STUDY - BRUCE AND DICK

11

BRUCE WAYNE and DICK GRAYSON, dressed casually, stand at the table on which the Batphone resides. They are perusing a large navigational chart.

BRUCE

If we catch the wind currents right, winning the Gotham City Cup race should be a piece of cake.

DICK

No reason why we shouldn't, Bruce. We've taken the trophy for six consecutive years already.

BRUCE

Let's hope that phone stays dormant. We may be able to have a few days respite.

DICK

Gosh, yes. We better go put on our sailing clothes....

But, at this point, the Batphone begins BEEPING.

DICK

I guess I said that a little too soon.

X

Bruce picks it up.

INTERCUT:

12 WAYNE MANOR STUDY AND COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE

12

Bruce will be talking to a disembodied VOICE at the other end of the line.

BRUCE

Yes, Commissioner?

DR. CASSANDRA'S VOICE

12 Cont.

(o.s.)
Batfink...?

BRUCE

(reacts)

Who's speaking?

DR. CASSANDRA'S VOICE

(o.s.)
Dr. Cassandra! World-famous alchemist,
occult science practitioner and allaround evil-doing swinger!

BRUCE

Where's Commissioner Gordon?

DR. CASSANDRA'S VOICE
Just zip your lip while I lay the
word on you, Batcat! I'm going
to put Gotham City in a trance, and
there's not a thing you or that
junior birdman can do about it.

In Commissioner Gordon's office, we again HEAR DR. CASSANDRA'S TINKLING LAUGH as the receiver is cradled on Red Phone by unseen hand.

13 STAY IN WAYNE STUDY - DAY

13

Bruce holds the phone away from his ear as if the SOUND of the CLICK (and the LAUGH) have disturbed his HEARING. His expression is one of befuddlement, mixed with concern.

DICK

What's wrong?

BRUCE

I'm afraid there's a new fiend in town, Dick. Or a new -- sorceress of some kind.

DICK

Why do they always come to Gotham City?

BRUCE

Well, she has. So we'll have to delay our sailing for the nonce.

(activates Bard's head)

To the Batpoles!

Standard BATPOLE EXIT as:

FADE OUT

ACT ONE

FADE IN

14 BAT STOCK OPENING, SUPER TITLES AND CREDITS

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BAT SPIN TO:

15 INT. COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE - DAY

15

Commissioner Gordon and Chief O'Hara, both looking quite shook up (but not bandaged), are being comforted by BARBARA GORDON -- as Duo face them.

BARBARA

I happened to drop by just after whatever happened -- happened. And tried to apply first aid techniques.

(affectionately)
But they're such stubborn men...

CHIEF O'HARA A regular Florence Nightingale she is, anyway.

COMMISSIONER GORDON It was incredible, Batman. As if some mysterious unseen force were pummeling us!

BATMAN

To coin a phrase, there is less here than meets the eye. Far less...

CHIEF O'HARA

Begorra, Batman. This Dr. Whatever-her-name-is has struck six
times in the past three hours and
is impossible to stop!

ROBIN

Have you any description of her at all that we can go on?

COMMISSIONER GORDON None, Boy Wonder. And how can we capture someone we can't see?

BARBARA

It's all so unbelievable. There's no such thing as an invisible man. (adds)
Or invisible woman...

15 Cont,

CHIEF O'HARA

Tell that to all the people with
bruises in the Gotham City Hospital.

BATMAN

Perhaps we've all been -- intentionally baffled. The way a magician operates. Now you see it, now you don't.

ROBIN

Holy Mrs. Houdini!

BATMAN

Miss Gordon. Do you have any volumes at the Gotham City Library concerning the occult sciences?

BARBARA Any number, Batman.

BATMAN

Then let's take a look at them. Maybe such a tome will unlock this infernal and unknown door.

Duo EXIT, Barbara trying to match her strides with theirs as she follows.

STRAIGHT CUT TO:

16 INT. DR. CASSANDRA'S HIDE-OUT - DAY

16

A fantastic laboratory bedecked with bubbling beakers, adorned with astrological, numerological and throughly illogical charts, festooned with multi-colored test tubes and, in general, colorfully albeit garishly decorated.

NARRATOR
GOOD THINKING, BATMAN! BUT YOU'LL
NEED MORE THAN BOOKS TO VANQUISH
THIS ENTRANCING FOE!

17 ANGLE ON DOOR AS What turns me on, Cabala,

17

It opens and we HEAR FOOTSTEPS.

CASSANDRA'S VOICE

(o.s.)
All right, Cabala. Let's take

our anti-antidote pill.

Cassandra and Cabala now POP IN. Their hands are at their mouths as if just having taken a pill.

CABALA

Just how do these pills work, Dr. Cassandra? Are we actually invisible?

CASSANDRA

No, Cabala. But we may as well be. What happens is that, after taking the concoction, we blend into the background so well that no one can see us. Not even someone else who takes the pill.

(rubs a bruise)
That's why we keep bumping into each other.

CABALA CABALA

Husbands and wives should keep bumping into each other.

CASSANDRA

Cool the personal kick, Cabala.
This is business.

CABALA

Why don't we cool <u>business</u>? We've already stolen six hundred thousand dollars, and money isn't everything.

CASSANDRA

Money makes my occult world go round, Cabala.

During this, she fiddles with some of the beakers and tubes and appears to be brewing something up as she speaks. Next to her lab table is a rather ornate gun-like apparatus -- more about which, later.

CASSANDRA

Power is what turns me on, Cabala. The power to make other cats do what I crave them to do. Dig?

CABALA

Dug, Dr. Cassandra. But why the hang-up?

CASSANDRA

I'm going to succeed where my foremothers failed.

CABALA

Four mothers?

CASSANDRA
The ancient alchemy bit has been handed down for generations through the females of my family. But they were all abject failures. Nowheresville.

CABALA
(nods with sigh)
Like my family. Couldn't wait for
the depression, so they went broke
during the boom.

Cassandra now shows him some snapshots.

CASSANDRA

My great grandmother discovered how
to transmute base metals into gold,
but she cut out when she added CH3,
C6, H2 and NO2.

CABALA
Put it all together, it spells T.N.T.

CASSANDRA

(nods)
They found pieces of her as far away as Londinium!

(with another

snapshot)
This is Grandma. Perfected a
universal solvent, then fell into the
stuff and was universally dissolved.
We buried her in a thimble.

CABALA How about your mom?

CASSANDRA
Dear old Mommy-o cashed in when
she designed a perpetual motion
machine, tripped and was ground to
bits by it.

CABALA
You sure come from a line of
winning women.

CASSANDRA CASSANDRA

It doesn't put me up tight. I have a plan that's going to sway your brain cells.

CABALA

(grins)

Lay it on, doctor.

CASSANDRA

I'm going to free all the arch criminals in the Gotham State bastille, slip them my camouflage pills and we'll become the Invisible Empire! With yours truly as the Queen! We'll steal this burg blind!

CABALA

Aren't you forgetting three things?

CASSANDRA

Like for instance?

CABALA

Like Batman, Robin and Batgirl.

Cassandra picks up a test tube into which she has poured various ingredients. Now she pours the contents of said tube into the gun-like gizmo.

CASSANDRA

No hassle. Not after they face my Alvino-ray gun.

CABALA

What does it do?

CASSANDRA

Spreads a mess of wild vibrations. Now, let's split!

She slips a gun into her sorceress' clothes.

CABALA

Where to?

CASSANDRA

There's an old <u>husband's</u> tale that bats get in people's hair. Well, we're going to flatten those bats before they get the chance!

As they EXIT:

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INT. LIBRARY - DAY 19

> Batman holds an enormous book in his arms as Robin and Barbara watch. The book's title is: WHO'S WHO IN ALCHEMY. Batman closes book, smiles.

> > BATMAN Just as I suspected.

BARBARA What is it, Batman?

BATMAN This mediquack, Dr. Cassandra, is none other than Cassandra Spellcraft. Offspring of the infamous Spellcraft clan, a group of ne'er-do-well alchemists who couldn't make the grade in Girls Pharmacy School!

ROBIN Holy unrefillable prescriptions!

> BARBARA Is she really a doctor?

> BATMAN She's not even a nurse!

We HEAR AN O.S. BEEP similar to sound of Batphone.

BARBARA

What's that?

Batman reaches behind him, under his cape and pulls out a mini-phone.

ROBIN The portable Batphone.

> BATMAN (into phone) Yes, Commissioner. (beat) We'll be there.

Batman hangs the phone up behind him.

ROBIN A new development, Batman?

BARBARA Yes, what's happened?

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19 Cont.

19 Cont.

BATMAN

Dr. Cassandra has challenged us, Robin. She called Commissioner Gordon and said she'd rob the Mope Diamond from Spiffany's Jewelry Salon at exactly two o'clock.

(looks at his watch)

We have twenty minutes to thwart her.

They start to move out, Batman stops, turns to Barbara.

BATMAN

Thanks for the use of the library.

Batman and Robin leave.

20 CLOSE SHOT ON BARBARA

20

Her face reflects her thoughts.

NARRATOR
AS THE DYNAMIC DUO DEPART,
BARBARA GORDON QUICKLY CALCULATES
THE TIME...

21 WIDE ANGLE - THE ROOM

21

Barbara moves across it.

NARRATOR

REALIZES THERE AREN'T ENOUGH MINUTES
TO RACE HOME AND MAKE HER BAT-CHANGE...

22 ANGLE ON DOOR TO LADIES LOUNGE

22

Barbara walks in.

NARRATOR

SO SHE RUSHES INTO THE CLOSEST SANCTUARY, DONS HER SPARE BATCOSTUME...

X

The door opens and Batgirl fully garbed, emerges.

NARRATOR
AND EMERGES SCANT SECONDS LATER
AS BATGIRL, GOTHAM CITY'S FOREMOST
DISTAFF CRIMEFIGHTER!!!

Batgirl rushes O.S. LEFT.

BAT SPIN TO:

23 EXT. FIFTH AVENUE - DAY (STOCK)

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affording us a PANORAMA of this fabled thoroughfare.

NARRATOR

FIFTEENTH AVENUE, HOME OF SWANK APARTMENT BUILDINGS, POSH OFFICES AND SPIFFANY'S JEOPARDIZED JEWELRY SALON...!!!

24 INT. SPIFFANY'S JEWELRY SALON - DAY

24

Several showcases filled with glittering stones are in f.g. A FLOORWALKER, G. David Schine, with cutaway coat X and flowered lapel, rubs his hands as he sees some customers walking in. In b.g. is a showcase with an immense diamond seated on a velvet pillow. Floorwalker walks TO CAMERA and past it, wearing a professionally obsequious grin.

25 ANOTHER ANGLE - INCLUDING DR. CASSANDRA AND CABALA

FLOORWALKER

Welcome to Spiffany's, folks. I'm G. David Schine. May I serve you today?

X

25

DR. CASSANDRA
Just browsing, baby. All these
rocks trip my mind.

FLOORWALKER

(grin fades)
One does not browse at Spiffany's,
madam. One either buys or one
leaves.

CABALA

Should I deck him, doc? He's trying to put us down.

DR. CASSANDRA

Cool it, Cabala. I don't want to blow the scene.

(to Floorwalker)

How much you asking for the big rock over there?

FLOORWALKER

That is the Mope Diamond, madam. And is not for sale at any price!

DR. CASSANDRA

Not for sale, hmmmm? Then I guess we'll have to kype it. Do your thing, Cabala.

26	ANGLE ON MOPE DIAMOND SHOWCASE	X
		26
	Duo step out from behind the case.	
	BATMAN You'll do no such thing, Dr. Cassandra!	
27	WIDE ANGLE - ROOM	27
	CASSANDRA I see you've decided to take a crack at us, Batman. But it's no use. I've got your number. And it's up!	
	Batgirl now APPEARS in another area of room.	
	BATGIRL What about me? Do you have my number, too?	
	CASSANDRA Other women's numbers don't interest me, Batgirl!	
	Batgirl joins Duo and they advance on Cassandra and Cabala, as Floorwalker is ANGLED OUT.	
28	ANGLE ON DUO, BATGIRL	28
	BATMAN Good to have you flanking us, Batgirl.	
	BATGIRL I wouldn't have missed it for anything.	
29	DR. CASSANDRA AND CABALA	29
	CABALA (worried) Looks like it's pill time, doctor.	
	DR. CASSANDRA Keep your cool, Cabala. (produces ray-gun, directs it at o.s. Trio)	

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30 - 32	OUT	OUT	30- 32
33	ANOTHER ANGLE TO INCLUDE TRIO		33
	BATMAN A gun? I'd have thought you were above that, Dr. Cassandra. No style.		
34	ANGLE ON DR. CASSANDRA		34

DR. CASSANDRA
This is the kickiest weapon you ever dug, Batman. My own unpatented Alvion-ray-gun. And it's the last thing you'll ever see!

She pulls the trigger and we BURN-IN psychedelicolors emanating from it.

bathed in the multi-colored light of the gun's rays.

BATMAN

What are -- you -- doing -- to -our -- bodies ... ???

ROBIN

Holy helplessness!

BATGIRL

I feel like I'm flattening out.

They start getting weak at the knees, and slowly collapse.

36 CLOSE ON DR. CASSANDRA 36

DR. CASSANDRA That's exactly what's happening, Batgirl. This gun is altering the structure of your molecular cells and reving your third dimensions.

She shuts off the ray-gun.

37 ANGLE ON TRIO 37

lying on the floor, flat as cardboard cutouts -- which is just what we'll use at this point. Dr. Cassandra and Cabala walk to them and look down, Dr. Cassandra laughing liltingly.

> DR. CASSANDRA All right, Cabala. Stack 'em up, while I grab the diamond.

Cabala stacks Batman, Robin and Batgirl on top of each other as Dr. Cassandra starts to lift the Mope Diamond.

38 ANOTHER ANGLE IN ROOM 38

TO INCLUDE Floorwalker, who has retreated to periphery of preceding action but now advances on Dr. Cassandra, very upset.

FLOORWALKER

Just a moment, madam. Attacking the Terrifc Trio is one thing. That's not my business and I don't want to get involved. But stealing the Mope Diamond is another matter completely.

Dr. Cassandra points her gun at the Floorwalker, who blanches.

DR. CASSANDRA

X

How'd you like to get mailed home c.o.d.?

FLOORWALKER Would you like the diamond gift-wrapped, madam?

BAT SPIN TO:

40 INT. COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE - DAY

40

Commissioner Gordon and Chief O'Hara pace furiously.

COMMISSIONER GORDON We should have heard from them by now. I'm worried.

CHIEF O'HARA
I'm sure there's nothing wrong.
Batman's never failed us yet.

COMMISSIONER GORDON (looks at watch)
A Bat-Fight seldom takes more than forty seconds and they're already a half hour late.

CHIEF O'HARA
They should be coming through that
door any minute.

41 CLOSE ON DOOR

41

Under the door, we see the cutouts of Batman, Robin and Batgirl being slipped through. In b.g. we HEAR Dr. Cassandra's lilting laugh.

42 ANOTHER ANGLE - ROOM - FEATURE DOOR

42

Commissioner Gordon and Chief O'Hara rush to the door, look down and see their beloved cohorts, pick them up and stand them against the door.

COMMISSIONER GORDON It must be some sort of prank!

Chief O'Hara reaches for Batman's arm, holds it a second.

42 Cont.

CHIEF O'HARA

No, Commissioner. I don't believe my eyes, but I can't ignore what I feel. And I feel Batman's pulse!

The two men stand frozen in fear, look at each other, then back at the three flat people leaning against the door, as we:

FADE OUT

END OF ACT ONE

You know how those doctors stick together, Commissioner. You couldn't get one to disagree with another no matter how hard you tried.

COMMISSIONER GORDON
Mevertheless, the faut remains that
there is no known medical way to
restore them. So all we can do is
make them as comfortable as possible
while they live out their sightless
soundless, senseless well-flattened

Commissioner Gordon and Chief O'Hara walk back t

What about the voice?

What voice?

You know, the voice that answers the Batphone every so often and tells us to hold on. Maybe he can

COMMISSIONER GORDON
It's worth a try. Anything's

Commissioner Gordon walks to Batphone, picks 10 up.

FADE IN

43 INT. COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE - DAY

43

Batman, Robin and Batgirl are stacked three abreast near the window. Commissioner Gordon and Chief O'Hara stare at them and sadly shake their heads.

COMMISSIONER GORDON We've had six medical opinions and each one confirms the one before.

CHIEF O'HARA
You know how those doctors stick
together, Commissioner. You
couldn't get one to disagree with
another no matter how hard you
tried.

COMMISSIONER GORDON
Nevertheless, the fact remains that
there is no known medical way to
restore them. So all we can do is
make them as comfortable as possible
while they live out their sightless,
soundless, senseless well-flattened
lives.

Commissioner Gordon and Chief O'Hara walk back to Commissioner Gordon's desk.

CHIEF O'HARA What about the voice?

COMMISSIONER GORDON

What voice?

You know, the voice that answers the Batphone every so often and tells us to hold on. Maybe he can help, whoever he is.

COMMISSIONER GORDON It's worth a try. Anything's worth a try now.

Commissioner Gordon walks to Batphone, picks it up, depresses it.

44 INT. BATCAVE - CLOSE ON ALFRED

44

He is polishing some part of a machine and HUMMING as he works. The Batphone BEEPS. Alfred goes to it, picks it up.

ALFRED

Hmmm. Yes, that is a bit of a sticky wicket.

(another beat)
Very well. Have them sent care
of general delivery to the
main Gotham City Post Office.
I'll see what can be done.

X

Alfred hangs up.

45 INT. COMMISSIONER GORDON'S OFFICE - DAY

45

Commissioner Gordon hangs up, Chief O'Hara looking at him with trepidation.

COMMISSIONER GORDON A ray of hope, Chief O'Hara. Get the stamp box.

Chief O'Hara goes to Commissioner Gordon's desk, pulls out a small metal box, brings it to Commissioner Gordon who has crossed to where the Trio still stiffly wait. Commissioner Gordon opens the box, takes out a roll of stamps and as he and Chief O'Hara lick the stamps and start pasting them to Trio:

STRAIGHT CUT TO:

46 INT. DR. CASSANDRA'S HIDE-OUT - DAY

46

Dr. Cassandra is mixing something up using old-fashioned apothecary tools. As she works, Cabala watches beside her.

CABALA Now what, my bride?

DR. CASSANDRA

(corrects)
It's <u>Dr</u>. <u>Cassandra</u> -- Cabala!
Whenever <u>alchemy</u> and occult
sciences are involved! And
they're involved right now!

46 Cont. 4- GOTHAM SHAPE HERON - DAY (STOCK)

46 Cont.

CABALA

But with all the money we've stolen, with the Mope Diamond in our possession, with the Troubling Trio hot off the press, as it were...

DR. CASSANDRA

(interrupts)

It's not enough, Cabala! I want

Gotham City groveling on its knees.

My foremothers couldn't do it, but

I'll beat this town!

During this, she finishes mixing the concoction, produces some empty spansules, pours the powder in them, then puts these spansules in a larger bottle, holds it up and looks at it with her lilting laugh.

DR. CASSANDRA
There they are! Six tiny pills!
Six unseen arch-criminals about to
wreak untold havoc!

CABALA
The thought of it blows my mind!

DR. CASSANDRA
Let's grab our wheels and roll!

They start OUT.

BAT SPIN TO:

47 EXT. GOTHAM CITY POST OFFICE - DAY (STOCK)

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NARRATOR
MEANWHILE, AT THE GOTHAM CITY
POST OFFICE...

INT. GOTHAM CITY POST OFFICE - CLOSE ON CLERK'S WINDOW - 48

The CLERK, a tall, myopic, dark-haired type, hands the three cutouts to Alfred, who wears a long Rasputin black beard, black hair, and is well-disguised. Alfred nods his thank you, puts the cutouts under his arm and creaks OUT.

NARRATOR
...TRUSTY ALFRED, DISGUISED AS A
DODDERING DODO, ACCEPTS DELIVERY
OF THE HUMAN PARCEL POST.

(NOTE: ABOVE FOOTAGE IS SILENT EXCEPT FOR NARRATOR'S VOICE.)

49 EXT. GOTHAM STATE PRISON - DAY (STOCK)

49

NARRATOR WHILE AT GOTHAM STATE PRISON, DR. CASSANDRA IS UP TO SOME SPECIAL DELIVERY OF HER OWN!

INT. WARDEN CRICHTON'S OFFICE - DAY 50

50

WARDEN CRICHTON appears quite harried. His tie is askew, his hair is awry, the door is ajar. In b.g., we HEAR SIRENS, BELLS and NOISES OF GENERAL CONFUSION. The CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD comes racing IN, as Crichton looks out the window.

> CRICHTON What's going on, Captain?

> > CAPTAIN

Beats me, Warden. All the electric eye alarms went off like someone walked through. But none of my men saw a thing.

CRICHTON Are the prisoners in their cells?

> CAPTAIN Like the day they were brought in!

CRICHTON How about the special arch-criminal wing?

CAPTAIN

Same thing.

Crichton reaches for switch on his desk, pulls it. Bells and sirens STOP.

CRICHTON It must have been a short circuit.

ANGLE ON WALL OF OFFICE

51

Dr. Cassandra and Cabala POP IN.

DR. CASSANDRA Guess again, squareball.

CRICHTON Who are you? How did you get in here? Get out!

Cont.

51

52 ANOTHER ANGLE

52

as Cabala advances on Crichton and Captain, with the ray-gun.

CRICHTON
(retreats slightly
along with Captain)
What kind of gun is that?

CABALA
The doctor's Alvino-ray gun, Warden.
One move, and you'll both be flat
as flounders!

53 ANGLE WITH DR. CASSANDRA

53

who walks to Crichton's desk, picks up microphone.

DR. CASSANDRA

(to mike)
This is your leader speaking.
Prison guards, don't try to stop
us or your Warden and Captain
are dead ducks! In ten seconds,
I'm going to pull the switch that
releases all the...

54 INT. ARCH-CRIMINAL WING OF PRISON - DAY

54

ON a sign reading: "ARCH CRIMINALS ONLY. ALL OTHERS KEEP OUT!"

DR. CASSANDRA'S VOICE

(filter)
...arch-criminals! Sorry I can't
help the rest of you boys, but
too many crooks spoil the broth!
You know how it is...

Cont.

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54 Cont.

During this, CAMERA PANS DOWN to show a row of cells on either side. We see familiar arms (Penguin's, Catwoman's, Egghead's, Joker's, Riddler's, and King Tut's) come out between the bars but from this angle we can't see faces,

DR. CASSANDRA'S VOICE

(filter)

Ten - nine- eight - seven...

INT. CRICHTON'S OFFICE - DAY 55

55

Crichton and Captain are still held at bay by Cabala, with the ray-gun on them. Dr. Cassandra stands at desk where there is another switch. At the base of this switch is a sign reading: "ARCH-CRIMINAL WING". She continues talking into mike.

> DR. CASSANDRA ...six - five - four- three two - one. Blast out!

Dr. Cassandra pulls the switch.

INT. ARCH - CRIMINAL WING - DAY 56

56

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We see the doubles for PENGUIN, CATWOMAN, EGGHEAD, JOKER, RIDDLER and KING TUT run AWAY FROM CAMERA AND OUT. They practically dance OUT in happiness. At no time do we see their full faces.

INT. CRICHTON'S OFFICE - CLOSE ON DR. CASSANDRA - DAY 57 57

DR. CASSANDRA

(to mike)

Meet me at the front gate.

Dr. Cassandra puts mike down, turns to Warden.

DR. CASSANDRA

Look at it this way, Jailkeeper. I did you a big favor.

CRICHTON

By freeing all the arch-criminals?

DR. CASSANDRA

You cats are always screaming about over-crowding. Well, you have a extra accommodations --

(lilting laugh)

-- now!

Cont.

CABALA CABALA

CABALA (to her about

(to her about Warden and Captain)

What about Whitelipped and Trembling,

here?

DR. CASSANDRA

Lock 'em up. I'll run things from the Warden's Office until you get back.

BAT SPIN TO:

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58	INT.	BATCAVE
	TIATO	DUTOUAN

58

Alfred stands in front of a cabinet for three. Batman, Robin and Batgirl are in the cabinet, side by side. Above the cabinet is a sign reading: THREE-DIMENSIONAL BAT-RESTORER. Alfred is now out of his disguise and in his customary clothes. Alfred looks at the Trio, then shakes his head.

ALFRED

(to Trio)
I pray I didn't get my transistors crossed, sirs -- and miss. Either you come out three dimensional or no dimensional!

He walks to a button, crosses his fingers, then presses it.

59 CLOSE ON CABINET

59

We HEAR a WILD SOUND and the glass cabinet slowly fogs up so we cannot see what's going on inside.

60 CLOSE ON ALFRED

60

watching this with some speculation.

as to see a posses ALFRED

(aloud to himself)
I'd best send for the Batmobile,
wherever it is. And then depart,
before Batgirl recognizes me.

He moves to some gizmo identified as Batmobile Remote Bat-Control and activates it as:

61 ANGLE ON THE CABINET

61

which is now COMPLETELY FOGGED.

EFFECTS SHOT:

62 ANGLE ON THE CABINET - DAY

62

The FOG IS EVAPORATING, and we begin to see the outlines of a three-dimensional Trio. Shortly, the glass door opens and the three of them walk weakly out.

BATGIRL

What happened? Where are we?

BATMAN

62 Cont.

Somehow we've been saved, Batgirl. And this is the Batcave.

ROBIN

Holy give-aways!

BATMAN

Not entirely, old chum.
Batgirl knows where we are, and
yet not where we're -- located...

At this point, RED PHONE BEEPS. Batman answers it.

63 ANGLE ON BATGIRL AND ROBIN

63

BATGIRL

(looking around)

It's very impressive ...

ROBIN

And functional.

X

BATGIRL

How in the world do you suppose we got here? And who restored us to our normal - shapes and sizes?

ROBIN

I have my own suspicions, Batgirl. Which I don't think I should disclose.

BATGIRL

Of course, Robin. I understand.

64 CLOSE ON BATMAN

64

at Red Phone.

BATMAN

We'll get on it right away, Commissioner!

WIDEN TO INCLUDE Robin and Batgirl, as Batman hangs up and turns to them.

BATMAN

Dr. Cassandra has engineered a mass escape of all Gotham City's arch-criminals!

64 Cont.

ROBIN

(shocked)

Unbelievable, Batman!

BATGIRL

How can we stop them?

BATMAN

We can't, until we find them.

ROBIN

And that should call for the special Escaped Arch-Criminal Bat-Locater on the Batcomputer.

Batman nods, as CAMERA PANS THEM TO Batcomputer -which Batgirl looks over, impressed.

BATGIRL

It must come in quite handy...

BATMAN

(nods) Quite. Every crime-fighter should have one.

Batman programs the Batcomputer with information. A card pops out as machine DINGS.

BATMAN

(reading it)

According to this, they should all be in the basement of the Mortar and Pestle Building on Abracadabra Alley.

But how do we get there? Isn't the Batmobile still parked outside Spiffany's Jewel...

(breaks off,

looks o.s., reacts) Here it comes now! Looks

ANOTHER ANGLE IN BATCAVE 65

as driverless Batmobile PULLS IN TO A STOP.

RESUME - TRIO 66

BATMAN

Right on schedule.

Cont.

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66 Cont. MARSANDHAIS HIDE-DOWN DAY

66 Cont.

Dr. Cassandra stands BATGIRL of Gotham City, which is How in the world was that worked?

checriminals sit with BATMAN BACKS TO CAMERA and watch Even such a minor miracle takes some explaining, Batgirl...

ROBIN

Which we scarcely have time for right now!

BATMAN

Right, Robin. To Abracadabra Alley

CLOSER ON BATMOBILE 67

67

Trio approach it but, immediately after Batgirl gets in, Batman produces a can of Batsleep.

BATMAN

Close your eyes, Batgirl. I'll have to put you to sleep until we reach the city ...

BATGIRL

To sleep?

Doubles shake hands we ROBIN other and nod happily as a So you won't know where you've been.

BATGIRL

(to Batman, nicely)

Go ahead, Batman.

Batman sprays her and she goes out, Robin looking at her admiringly on seat of Batmobile.

ROBIN

She looks very pretty when she's asleep.

BATMAN

I thought you'd eventually notice, old chum. That single statement indicates the oncoming surge of manhood ...

With this, he starts Batmobile and it ROARS OUT.

BAT SPIN TO:

Dr. Cassandra stands at a map of Gotham City, which is divided into several areas. Each of the areas has a name written on it, parceling the territory. The six arch-criminals sit with their BACKS TO CAMERA and watch Cassandra -- with Cabala standing beside her. We can't see the doubles' faces.

CASSANDRA

Now here's the way we're going to divvy up the territory.
Cat-woman gets the Fish Market Section. Egghead gets the Poultry Farms Area. Penguin gets the Ponds and Parks.
King Tut gets the museums.
And so on, as noted...

CABALA
Tell 'em what our cut is, doc.

CASSANDRA
We get fifty percent of everything you steal. In return, I'll
provide you with camouflage pills
and protection. And you can forget about Batman, Robin and Batgirl. They're finished.

Doubles shake hands with each other and nod happily as a MURMUR runs through the crowd.

CASSANDRA
(hands them
all pills)

Here are your pills. You'll

Here are your pills. You'll
blend into the background for
eight hours. After that, come
back with the loot and I'll
give you your next dose. But
be careful. If you're knocked
unconscious, you'll materialize
again.

69 WIDEN TO INCLUDE TRIO

69

standing in another area of room.

BATMAN
You foolish, foolish woman...

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CASSANDRA Quick: Take the pills:

71 ANGLE FROM REAR OF DOUBLES

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70

They all take pills, disappear! Including Cassandra and Cabala.

72 ANGLE ON DUO, BATGIRL

72

ROBIN

They're gone!

BATGIRL

How can we fight them if we can't see them?

SOURCE OF STRUCKS AND BATMAN THE AND WE MAD LY

I have a feeling they're here, all right.

CASSANDRA'S VOICE

(o.s.)

Hatman sta You bet we are! Come on, let's to come on the crush 'em!

73 WIDE ANGLE - FIGHT

73

Now begins what must be the strangest FIGHT in Bat-History. Batman, Robin and Batgirl are knocked back and forth across the room by unseen hands and they can't do a thing about it. (NOTE: IF POSSIBLE, CAN WE LIFT JOKER'S LAUGH, RIDDLER'S GIGGLE AND OTHER VILLAIN'S SOUNDS FROM OTHER SHOWS AND LAY THEM IN UNDER THE FIGHT???) Batman gets a shot in the stomach, then one across the head, then a kick in the keester -- all from invisible sources. Robin is lifted in the air and tossed bodily across the room. Batgirl falls on the floor from an invisible blow, then reacts as if getting kicked all over her body. This continues with SUPERED TITLES until the Trio all congregate in one corner.

74 ANGLE ON TRIO

74

ROBIN

We're outnumbered eight to three!

BATMAN

That's not what's bothering us. We can handle those odds.

74 Cont.

BATGIRL
Wait a second! They'd be in the same boat if they couldn't see us!

BATMAN

Right.

Batman takes out a little dart gun, aims it at the over-head light, fires.

75 INSERT SHOT - LAMP

75

The bulb shatters!

76 WIDE ANGLE - ROOM

76

It is now completely and absolutely black! We HEAR the SOUNDS OF STRUGGLE and OOFS and UGHS and we madly SUPER TITLE AFTER TITLE as the Trio vanquish the criminal horde. BANG, ZAP, CRUNCH, ETC. for fifteen seconds.

77 ANGLE ON DUO AND BATGIRL

77

Batman stands with his Batflash and sends its powerful beam roaming across the room.

78 HEAVIES FROM DUO'S P.O.V.

78

The six bodies of the arch-criminals lie strewn in various reposes around the room (with their faces still not seen). They are all unconscious, and thus visible. Cabala is hors de combat in another area of the room, also unconscious and seeable. Closer, Dr. Cassandra is slowly regaining her consciousness and she, too, is visible.

79 CLOSER ON CASSANDRA

79

CASSANDRA

(puzzled)

Something must have gone wrong...

WIDEN TO INCLUDE Trio.

ROBIN

Holy understatements:

CASSANDRA

I'm conscious. You're not supposed to see me!

79 Cont.

BATMAN

Alchemy is a highly specialized chemical science, Dr. Cassandra. Even experts sometimes go wrong...

BATGIRL
And no doubt something went
wrong with your last batch
of camouflage pills!

80 ANGLE ON CASSANDRA

80

fully conscious, angry and in action.

CASSANDRA
Well, nothing's gone wrong
with my flattening Alvinoray gun!

During this, she leaps for gun (wherever it is) levels it at Trio, presses trigger. But nothing happens. As she again looks aghast, WIDEN TO INCLUDE Trio.

BATMAN

It won't work, Dr. Cassandra. I took the precaution of inserting an Anti-Alvino-ray gun Bat-Disabler in my Utility Belt.

ROBIN
It's invisible, tool But it
worked!

During this, Batman removes the ray-gun from Dr. Cassandra's hand and gestures to Robin and Batgirl.

BATMAN
Batgirl, find a phone. Call
Police Headquarters. Robin,
start rounding up these
artless arch-criminals...

Batgirl and Robin EXIT to do as told, CAMERA ANGLING IN ON:

81 BATMAN AND CASSANDRA

81

Now, Cassandra is suddenly the soul of feminine charm -- and guile.

CASSANDRA

What plans do you have for me, Batman?

But before Batman can answer --

A-81 ANOTHER ANGLE TO INCLUDE CABALA

A-81

who has also completely regained consciousness.

CABALA

Don't you mean for us, my bride?

WIDEN TO INCLUDE Batman and Cassandra.

CASSANDRA

(ignores him completely)

Actually, Batman, all I was trying to do was practice my -- simple little occult sciences

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BATMAN

My job's over, Dr. Cassandra.
The due process of law will
take care of you and your husband.
(shakes his head)

And I'm sure will provide you with plenty of time to practice your --

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(wry) -- simple little occult sciences...

FADE OUT

END OF ACT TWO

TAG TO FOLLOW

Which will include remanding Dr. Cassandra and Cabala to a special paisley cell where Dr. Cassandra can't use her camouflaging devices, and will also introduce GUEST HEAVY for next episode.

